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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 January 2008.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,42,43,50,51 and 53-57 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 42,43,50,51 and 53-57 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>8/10/04, 10/31/07, 11/14/07, 12/7/07, and 12/12/07</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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The amendment submitted with the Request for Continued Examination has been made of record. Claims 1, 42, 43, 50, 51 and 53-57 are pending.

Upon further consideration the indicated allowability of claim 24 is withdrawn. The examiner was under the mistaken impression that the language of claim 24, now incorporated into claim 1, required the presence of a diene. Upon further consideration, the language "up to 10 weight %" encompasses 0 weight %.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Markel et al in view of Velasquez Urey and Ogawa et al.

Markel et al disclose propylene based polymer compositions suitable for hot melt adhesive applications. These compositions are taught as having branching indices and Mw's such as claimed instantly. While many of the physicochemical properties instantly claimed may not be explicitly addressed, values such as claimed instantly are seen as inherent to the compositions of the reference since other properties such as g', MW and propylene/alpha olefin-content are met.

This reference fails to explicitly disclose functionalized additives, tackifiers, wax and plasticizers. The reference further fails to disclose specific articles of manufacture incorporating the adhesives.

The reference to Velasquez Urey discloses polyolefin based hot melt adhesive compositions. These compositions are taught as comprising nucleating agents, plasticizers, wax and tackifiers. Suitable species of each of these

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components include those meeting the limitations of the rejected claims. The adhesives are taught as suitably used in applications such as disposable diapers wherein woven or non-woven materials are adhered to polymeric films. This application is seen as meeting the limitation of a tie layer.

The reference to Ogawa et al is cited as demonstrating the art known use of polypropylene based hot melt adhesives in tape and packaging.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine art known adhesive additives for their art known function/benefit as taught by the Velasquez Urey reference with the polymers of the primary reference when adhesives were desired.

Claims 42, 43, 50, 51 and 53-57 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edward J. Cain whose telephone number is (571) 272-1118. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 10:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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